

Post, Army news briefly

Discover Riley's treasures

Newcomers to Fort Riley, and those who wish to learn more about the post are invited to attend a post orientation offered by Army Community Service's relocation staff. Participants will learn fun facts, interesting information and what the Fort Riley area has to offer. Orientations will be held the first Friday of every month. The first session will be 8:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 2. Contact ACS - Relocation at (785) 239-9435 or site2665@riley.army.mil to reserve a seat.

ID card center to close

The ID card center will be closed to the public from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 30 and Feb. 1. The only exceptions to this are previously scheduled appointments and emergency situations such as lost or expired ID cards. For more information contact Gary Morris at 239-3698 or 239-3654.

GC to address workforce

The garrison commander's address to the civilian workforce will be held Feb. 6 at Barlow Theatre, Bldg. 7866 on Custer Hill. Session will be from 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Parking is available at the theater, but carpooling is suggested.

Tax Center offers services

The Tax Center will help prepare and e-file federal tax returns and will also assist in preparing state returns for Soldiers, their family members and retirees. Persons wishing to file should bring proof of identification including social security cards for all family members along with any tax forms and a copy of last year's return.

The Fort Riley Tax Center is located in building 7434B, directly across from the bowling alley on Custer Hill. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call 239-1040 for more information or an appointment.

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- Stories planned for this week's show, which runs on WBTV TV Jan. 27 and on the post's cable channel 2 Jan. 29-Feb. 4, are:
- 1st Bn., 34th Armor escorts convoys in Iraq
 - Soldier get TT training at Phoenix Academy
 - Main Post dining facility wins Connolly award
 - Sgt. Gregory Wright memorial service
 - Army trains Air Force in CLS

Exercise tests post, agency readiness

By **Spc. Stephen Baack**
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Most Army senior leaders would agree installation force protection has come a long way since Sept. 11, 2001, but some still say the progress isn't enough. Fortunately for Fort Riley, the post is leading the way in Army force protection anti-terrorism training.

Fort Riley was the first of 68 installations Army-wide to take on a newly-devised installation force-protection exercise at the post's Battle Command Training Center Jan. 10-11 to test and improve the garrison's response to a multi-part terrorism incident.

Led by Installation Management Command and observer/trainer teams from the training contractor, MPRI, the exercise united post, state, county and federal representatives. Representatives from Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Fort Riley Fire Department, post military police, the Public Affairs Office, the Installation Chaplain's Office and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security participated in the exercise.

The training scenario included a deliberate train "derailment" on the border of Ogden and Fort Riley which resulted in a toxic plume of gas being

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Chap. (Lt. Col.) Thomas Day, installation chaplain, makes a phone call after a mock explosion at the Commissary during the second day of the Fort Riley Garrison's installation force-protection exercise.
1st Inf. Div./Baack

Working nights



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Spc. Jon Nelson, an armored security vehicle driver with Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, takes advantage of the sunlight to perform pre-combat checks.

'Gunslingers' work late shift in Iraq

By **Cpl. Amanda Solitario**
210th MPAD

CAMP ANACONDA, Iraq—A nighttime chill begins to fill the air and as the last rays of daylight dwindle in the sky, the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment are just starting their day.

At the unit's motor pool, Soldiers from 4th Platoon, Company C get geared up for another night on the road.

The 4th Pltn. "Gunslingers" handle convoy security for Kellogg, Brown & Root contractors, and these Soldiers make it a priority to see the military cargo gets from

one base to the other—all across Iraq.

The mission of the Gunslingers is more than a convoy escort. It is a major link in the overall fight to secure the future of Iraq, said Capt. Jeffery W. Jurand, Co. C commander.

Without the vital logistics that the Soldiers proudly protect, the maneuver forces and the Iraqi soldiers would not be able to continue their operations, Jurand said.

Gearing up

But the missions start long before the Soldiers hit the highways. There are battle drills, briefings, weapon and vehicle main-

tenance, and a lot of planning involved for one night outside the wire.

"If the horse isn't ready to run, we can't conduct our mission," said 1st Lt. Joshua O. Lehman, platoon leader for 4th Pltn. and a native of Madera, Calif.

From meticulously polishing vehicle windows to fine-tuning weapon sights, Lehman said, the troops show up hours ahead of schedule to get everything just right.

After the final safety brief and one last practical exercise, the Soldiers load up and

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SAMC stresses leadership, discipline

Club inducts
2 Soldiers,
2 retirees, civilian

By **Spc. Stephen Baack**
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Two noncommissioned officers of the 101st Forward Support Battalion and three honorary members were inducted into the Fort Riley chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony at the post's Barlow Theatre Jan. 18.

Staff Sgt. Randall Eddy, communications shop section chief, and Staff Sgt. Lisa Smith, motor sergeant, both from Company B, 101st FSB, 1st Infantry Division, were among the five inductees.

The other three, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Wells, retired 1st Sgt. Albert Curley and Harold Stones, Kansas special project director, were inducted as honorary members.

Also part of the ceremony was a presentation of Dr. Mary E. Walker Awards. The awards, given to six military spouses, are awarded to those who possess the work ethic, values and commitment to excellence exemplified by Walker herself. Walker distinguished herself as one of the few female physicians in the U.S. during the Civil War and volunteered as an Army surgeon.

Club named after Army legend

The SAMC dates back to 1886 when the Army established the first club at Fort Hood, Texas, to recognize and encourage leadership, discipline, a commitment to mentoring junior Soldiers and the professionalism in the spirit of Audie Murphy.

Since his heroic exploits in World War II, Murphy has been commonly acclaimed as nothing short of a legend, having earned the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals and three Purple Hearts, among others. He remains the most decorated and perhaps the most famous Soldier in U.S. Army history.

Murphy, who made his way quickly through the ranks during his three years in the Army, was credited with killing more than 240 enemies, while wounding and capturing a number of others during his participation in nine campaigns as an infantryman across the European theater.

He accomplished all of this despite being initially turned down by the Marines and Army

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Memorial held for 1st Eng. Soldier killed in Iraq

The traditional tribute to a fallen Soldier, empty boots, a weapon and an empty helmet, adorn the altar area of the Morris Hill Chapel for a memorial service honoring 1st Eng. Bn. Soldier Sgt. Gregory Wright Jan. 18.

Post/Morelock



By **Anna Morelock**
Editor

Sgt. Gregory Wright, a combat engineer assigned to the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division was remembered at a memorial service Jan. 18 at Morris Hill Chapel on Fort Riley. Wright, 28, was killed in action Jan. 13 by an improvised explosive device in Muqadadiyah, Iraq.

Staff Sgt. David Jorgensen recalled memories of Wright during the ceremony. When he was asked to speak, his first thoughts were of the day Wright deployed when he, Wright and two other Soldiers were sitting around a table playing dominoes, Jorgensen said.

"But," Jorgensen continued, "I soon caught myself reflecting on situations that I

found Sgt. Wright in all the time — looking after his Soldiers, working alongside NCOs..."

Jorgensen also remembered Wright as a Soldier who led by example.

"I truly feel Sgt. Wright's experience and his quick battle thinking saved not only (Spc.) Leonard but everyone in that vehicle and that has made the difference," he said.

Wright was originally from Jamaica and later lived in Boston, Mass.

"I found out from his father that he came to America to enlist in the Army," Jorgensen said. "That was his dream."

Wright entered the Massachusetts National Guard in 1999 before he transitioned to active duty in May 2004.

Wright is survived by his father Conroy Wright, his mother Ruby Watson and daughter, Tiaja.



Transition teams train counterparts in Iraq

By Sgt. Jon Cupp

1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — New basic training graduates with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division (Mechanized) trained with the assistance of military transition teams from the 1st Infantry Division at Camp Taji recently on how to conduct cordon and searches.

The training consisted of the IA troops performing practice raids in two building "mock-ups."

According to Capt. Eric James, operations officer and adviser for the 329th TT, the training lasts three to four weeks and readies the Iraqi troops before they have to encounter the challenges of working in actual urban environments and checkpoints.

"We're taking new Iraqi soldiers, before they get assigned to a company, and giving them additional training," said James, a native of El Paso, Texas.

In addition, the training, which has been referred to as "train-the-trainer" style instruction, allows the team's subject matter experts to assist Iraqi noncommissioned officers and warrant officers to give blocks of instruction — all the while junior enlisted Iraqis are training simultaneously.

This, James said, is important to the Iraqis eventually taking full control in every aspect of military operation.

"We're trying to push them forward, essentially putting them in the lead when it comes to planning, resourcing and execution for missions and training," he said.

Prior to coming to Iraq, Staff Sgt. Michael Lewis, a combat medical adviser and trainer for 329th TT, trained at Fort Riley to learn how to instruct Soldiers in infantry-style tactics. A medic and a native of Leesville, La., Lewis is now training Iraqi soldiers alongside his Iraqi noncommissioned officer counterparts.

"Working here, we're getting to see the infantry side, and it's an important role, but it's just one part of all the training to help them build a company," he said.

Lewis, who is also helping the Iraqis put together a medical aid station, said he is impressed with the progress of the Iraqi soldiers.

"Sometimes we've had to catch up with them," Lewis said. "The better they do their training, the better they can take over their own security. We show them what to look for during raids and at checkpoints so when they actually get out there they won't overlook anything."

IA soldiers said they all have their own reasons why they train to defend their country.

"I have a lot of good feelings about serving my country on the ground I've lived on all my life to help the Iraqi people," said Pvt. Abdul Razaq Shakir, who serves in the 3rd Bn., 2nd Bde., 9th IA Div. (Mech.). "We will risk our lives to help our country and to fight against the insurgents and anyone else who tries to bring our country down."

"We pray to God to make peace on this country to make things normal as they were before," said Pvt. Al Hamad Vadir, 3rd Bn., 2nd Bde., 9th IA Div. (Mech.).

"I hope every Iraqi citizen feels the same way I feel," Shakir said. "I am really proud to wear the Iraqi Army uniform."

Having worked several months with the Iraqis, James said he is confident of the abilities of the Iraqi troops and their training.

"Anytime we've done big, important coalition operations, the Iraqi troops have always accomplished their missions," James said. "We roll out with Iraqis many times a week to do patrols or check on troops in the area of operations and we feel as comfortable with them as we would rolling out with our own troops."



1st Cav. Div. Cupp
An Iraqi Army instructor (right) prepares his trainees, all Iraqi Army soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division (Mechanized), to storm a building mock up during training on Camp Taji, Iraq.

President signs act increasing death gratuity for family members

Special to the Post

WASHINGTON, DC — Family members of fallen Soldiers may be eligible for additional enhanced benefits from the U.S. Army.

The President signed the 2006 National Defense Authorization Act increasing the death gratuity to a total of \$100,000 for all deaths retroactive from Oct. 7,

2001 through Jan. 5, 2006. This legislation also provides an additional enhanced death benefit in the amount of \$150,000 for any active duty deaths that occurred between Oct. 7, 2001 and Aug. 31, 2005.

"Family members of fallen Soldiers make great sacrifices on a daily basis and have suffered the ultimate loss. No amount of money can compensate these fam-

ilies for the loss of their loved one," said Lt. Col. Robert Deckard, who leads the Army Families First Casualty Call Center (FFCCC) under the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center. "This is an entitlement that our extended family members are due."

FFCCC has identified 3,500 families who may be eligible for the enhanced death benefits and is

in the process of attempting to contact these family members to notify them of potential eligibility. Beneficiaries who believe they meet the eligibility criteria may also contact FFCCC to verify eligibility, obtain the proper forms and receive assistance with completing and submitting a claim to the Defense Finance Accounting Service. As a result of this combined outreach effort, more than

90 percent of eligible beneficiaries have been paid.

FFCCC is a one-stop resolution center and was established to assist surviving family members of deceased Soldiers. The mission of FFCCC is to provide long-term support and advocacy, and offer comprehensive resolutions to the families of fallen Soldiers by partnering with private and public organizations in addition to vari-

ous outreach groups.

Families of fallen Soldiers may contact the FFCCC for further information concerning eligibility criteria or questions regarding enhanced death benefits, support and referral information 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (866) 272-5841 or by visiting FFCCC online at www.armyfamiliesfirst.army.mil.

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BRO reunion scheduled

The 89th annual 1st Infantry Division reunion will be held Aug. 8-12 at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. Everyone who ever served in the 1st Inf. Div., or any unit attached to it, is invited to attend the reunion.

Details and reservation forms will be available in the spring issue of the Society's newspaper, The Bridgehead Sentinel, or after March 1 at www.1stID.org, or from: Society of the First Infantry Division, 1933 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Phone: (215) 661-1969.

\$1000 reward offered by CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the armed robbery, by three unknown black males, wearing white shoes, black trousers and black hooded sweatshirts. One of the suspected individual(s) had a tattoo on his right forearm of a word written in old English lettering, beginning or ending with the letter "M." The robbery occurred between 6 and 6:40 p.m., Nov. 5, 2006, at the intersection of Jackson and Beauregard Streets on Fort Riley. Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call the Fort Riley CID office at (785) 239-3931, or the military police at (785) 239-6767.

'Blackhorse' reunion slated

The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment will hold a reunion June 14-17 in Williamsburg, Va. All former and current Blackhorse Troopers are invited to attend the event hosted by the Border Legion, Blackhorse Association.

The event will be held at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, 415 Richmond Highway, Williamsburg, Va. 23185. For more information, contact Glenn Snodgrass at (703) 250-3064, jgs525@cox.net, or visit the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Web site at www.11thacr.org.

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released over the area. The exercise was designed to compel the representatives to work together as efficiently as possible to dispatch the personnel, resources and information required to control the situation.

"One of the things I'm really pleased with seeing, no matter how the exercise goes, is the participation - having multiple counties here, having federal people here, having state people here talking, working, getting to know each other," said Clay Davis, senior force protection analyst, Installation Management Agency.

"One of the things that we found in 9/11," Davis said, "was that... individually, we did a really good job." However, he added, there were a number of gaps between organizations that needed mending, which is why the different groups came to work together. "If we can't work with the people around us, we haven't overcome those gaps. This exercise works that relationship, that information flow, that knowledge base back and forth between us so that we understand how to do it," Davis said.

Since Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina, there has been more pressure for better integration at the crisis response level.

"We just didn't know who was



Interviewer Mitch Mitchum (left) talks to Director Timothy Livsey, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, after mock terrorist events on post during the second day of the Fort Riley Garrison's installation force-protection exercise at the post's Battle Command Training Center Jan. 11-12.

in charge, what language to use, how we were supposed to communicate," said Bill Vockery, MPRI operations officer for the exercise, about the fledgling crisis response readiness. "There were a lot of folks wanting to help, but not a lot of people and processes in place to integrate that help. That's what we try to do here. We try to challenge garrison to not only look inside of what they do themselves, but realize that no one is his own little island any-

more."

Davis, who was instrumental in devising the training, noticed how deploying units received the benefit of attending places like the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., or the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., but wanted a force-protection training counterpart for garrisons. "We think this is absolutely critical during the Global War on Terrorism," Davis said. "What's our part on the Global War on Ter-

rorism? Our part is protecting the part of homeland we control. We protect these garrisons. We believe force protection is IMCOM's highest priority."

Davis added, this is one of several IMCOM initiatives in the force protection anti-terrorism arena. Another, he said, is a higher-headquarters assessment where MPRI enters the picture to look at vulnerabilities.

The overall intent is to provide a tool for the garrison commander to use to train his staff and surrounding support personnel on how to respond to an incident, Davis said.

"There are so many things going on at Fort Riley, we were concerned whether we'd be able to fit this in...but Fort Riley is becoming such a critical garrison to us that we've got to make sure the capability to withstand and take on a terrorist incident is fully provided to them," Davis said.

Fort Riley was chosen as the first installation to participate in the exercise because Garrison Commander Col. Thomas Smith had the necessary experience not only to meet the challenges of the first IFPEX, but also to help shape the exercise for posts engaging in the training down the line.

"Since we're the first ones, we're involved in trying to develop this scenario to raise it to a level where it really should be -

pretty tough situations," said Smith, who established general guidance and shaped the exercise so it involved a multitude of agencies.

"I set the commander's intent and established the limits of the exercise, injected really only one or two specific events that I wanted to see played out," Smith said. "I didn't know the details of it."

"I think generally it's been pretty good," Smith added. "The staff's been enthusiastic. We've done some pretty good planning and coordination."

"We've come a long way since 9/11," Smith said. "To be perfectly honest, we really didn't know what we were doing, and I speak from experience. We talked a good game and had pretty nice (standard operating procedures), but we really did not put it through the paces it should have been put."

"In the intervening five years, we've come leaps and bounds," Smith continued. "When you think about it, five years ago we didn't even guard our gates. Step One, guard your gates." Smith said with a laugh. "We have made incredible strides, but we're not there yet. You're always vulnerable when you're dealing with an enemy who's smart and adaptive. You've got to be ever-vigilant and continue to improve every day in every way."

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airborne for being too short and interweight. Even after enlisting, Murphy had to fight to prove himself worthy of a combat Soldier due to his stature.

The SAMC went Army-wide in 1994, allowing each installation to determine the requirements for admission to club.

"There's a certain personality, I think, to someone who would be a part of this club," said Smith, one of the two new Fort Riley active-duty inductees. "They're not the ones who are always in the back. They're the ones who say, 'What can I do? Where can I go? Can I join this? Can I do this?'"

Joining the club

Those wishing to join Fort Riley's SAMC must undergo a rigorous selection process, consisting of a board of sergeants major, which can last up to an hour and a half.

Smith and Eddy both started preparing for the board in December 2005. Neither one of them passed the first time. Smith passed the second time and Eddy,

who only had a week to study the first time through, made it on his third try.

"It's such an elite group that I really wanted to challenge myself and see if I couldn't become a member and bring my own experience to the club," Smith said.

In short, said post SAMC President Sgt. 1st Class Darlene Washington, noncommissioned officer in charge of the patient accountability branch at Irwin Army Community Hospital, the club is looking for leaders during the selection process.

"There are situational-type questions that are asked, and, as a candidate, you explain based on your knowledge of leading Soldiers, taking care of Soldiers - you answer the scenarios, or address the scenarios," Washington said, "and they make them pretty tough. You have to know about leading. You have to know about taking care of Soldiers."

"Well, you know, not all NCOs are leaders," Washington pointed out. "Just because you have the rank doesn't necessarily make you a leader. You have to have

that experience, with discipline."

Washington, who was elected president of the Fort Riley SAMC Jan. 9, became involved in the club through the now-former IACH command sergeant major and SAMC member, Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Stuart, who encouraged NCOs within the hospital to be a part of the club in the hope that it would grow.

"He convinced me, and I did my research on Audie Murphy and I thought, 'Not bad,'" Washington said. "I kind of like what the club has to offer."

The most important things that the club fosters are a respect between superiors and subordinates, and a display of leadership and discipline, Washington said.

"Although I did all of those things prior to the club, I just tacked the club on with it now," she added, with a laugh.

Accomplishing club goals

Though she hasn't had time to accomplish a lot as president, so far she is leading the way in working on a fundraiser.

"We do various fundraisers throughout the year," Washington said. "We're trying to set up to give away a scholarship... it's one I'm trying to create right now. I'm trying to establish all the criteria for it. It's a monetary scholarship for any current senior on their way to college, and they can

utilize the funds anyway they want."

The club is planning to open the scholarship to beneficiaries of active duty and retired personnel, and is working to establish a \$1,000 scholarship for first place and a \$500 scholarship for second place.

Washington said though it may not be a lot of money, it's definitely enough to help with school expenses.

Fort Riley's SAMC includes six active members, not including deployed members and non-active members, who fill roles such as vice president, treasurer and historian.

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head out for a night of "Ridin' Dirty," as their platoon motto says.

Heading out

Passing infantry foot patrols on their left and road-repairing engineers on their right, the Gunslingers push through with supplies that will sustain those troops.

As the mix of military and civilian trucks make their way to the final destination, gunners watch the roads from their turrets while vehicle commanders call in assessments over the radios.

"You just never know what to expect," said Sgt. Marshall Potts, a gunner with the unit and a native of Texas.

Each Gunslinger has their own technique for staying focused and keeping their eyes open and on the road. For some, it is handfuls of candy for a quick sugar rush, and for others, it is bottomless cups of coffee to get the caffeine pumping through the veins.

No matter how they do it, the vigilant Soldiers continuously scan their sectors for anything out of the ordinary, forever mindful of the civilians and supplies they are protecting.

The active duty unit from Fort Riley runs all of their combat logistics patrols at night, and most of the Soldiers prefer it that way.

"It makes it a much more clean battlefield," Lehman said. "It is just us and the enemy."

The unit had completed several missions since their arrival in October without any enemy contact—until recently.

Lehman said, the lead vehicle in one of his convoys was hit by an improvised explosive device, but fortunately, no injuries resulted.

The unit moved without hesitation to perform self-recovery on the downed vehicle and provide 360-degree security for the rest of the convoy. He said everyone knew their job, and executed flawlessly.

"We know that every time we are outside the wire the possibility exists that an IED detonation on the convoy can happen," said Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Newlin, platoon sergeant. "How we react to these situations is everything."

Their reaction is the difference between the loss of a Soldier, Newlin said, and completion of the mission.

Accomplishing the mission

Lehman said his platoon is determined not to let anything stand in their way when they are out on the road.

"We will accomplish the mission no matter the circumstances," Lehman said. "We often face KBR maintenance issues and other obstacles that might hinder our movement during the mission, but even so, we still accomplish the mission."

The vigor demonstrated by each Sol-

dier is a direct reflection of the pride they have in their job, even if it is not their original military occupational specialty.

The platoon is comprised of mostly tankers, but the Soldiers had to trade in their tracked vehicles for Humvees when they arrived at Anaconda.

"These Soldiers understand their mission is unconventional, in terms of what they were trained to do," Lehman said. "Even so, they are prepared to meet, close with, and destroy their enemies no matter what vehicles they are mounted on."

Although many of the troops in the unit admit they miss their tanks, they said they adapt and overcome to function in whatever capacity the military sees fit.

"We serve because we believe in our country and everything it stands for," Newlin said, adding that his Soldiers are completely dedicated to what they do over here.

He said the Soldiers in the unit are like a family with everyone counting on each other.

"Our morale is high when everybody is in good spirits, and the morale is low when someone in the platoon isn't happy," he said. "We share our feelings as would any family, because of the trust we have in each other."

That trust and loyalty is important. It is what gets the unit through the long nights outside the base walls, he said.

The unit sometimes spends days away from the logistics support area while contractors offload the supplies from the trucks and restock them with cargo for the return trip. The Gunslingers take full advantage of the opportunity to experience life at other forward operating bases.

Many of the Soldiers head right to the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation facility to start up a game of ping-pong, which has become somewhat of a tradition for them.

Newlin said that after being on the road for so many hours, it takes awhile for the adrenaline to subside. Instead of going to sleep right away, they find a place to relax and unwind.

But when the sun comes up, the Soldier's heads are down on their pillows trying to squeeze in some much-needed rest before waking up and doing it all over again.

Although the job may seem demanding and tiring, the Gunslingers are always eager to get back out on the road.

"The hardest part of my job is not having a mission," said Spc. William Thomas, a driver in the unit. Thomas said it is agonizing not knowing when the next mission will pop up. It is simply a waiting game until it is time for them to hop in their vehicles for another night of "Ridin' Dirty."



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Spc. Raymond Martin (left), gunner C Co., 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, and Spc. Brien Buckentine, a medic with the unit, inspect night vision equipment before heading out on a mission.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Besides heading to a bar, what else is there to do in the Fort Riley area?



"Fort Riley is a good post for outdoor recreation like fishing, hunting and camping."

Sgt. Shawn Smith
Satellite operator
610th BSB, 4th IBCT
Home: San Diego



"I go play pool. There's not much else to do."

Pfc. Tanya Romero
Preventive medicine specialist
MEDDAC
Home: Chesapeake, Va.



"Ice skating, bowling on post, or the movies."

Staff Sgt. Miquel Hernandez
Rear detachment NCOIC
1st Bn., 16th Inf.
Home: Sacramento, Calif.



"The community needs to develop more than just bars. There's not a whole lot to do."

Pfc. Nelly Byrom
Supply Soldier
610th BSB, 4th IBCT
Home: San Antonio



"Hiking and bicycling."

1st Sgt. Todd Walter
Brigade sergeant major
Embedded Training Team Class 12
Home: Doylestown, Pa.

Letters to the editor:

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One in three women die of heart disease

By Pete Wiemers, RN, MSN
Health Promotion Educator

The "heart truth" is that one out of every three American women dies of heart disease. Yet, only 55 percent of women are aware of this fact. Most women fail to make the connection



Pete Wiemers

between risk factors, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and their personal risk of developing heart disease.

The Heart Truth is a national awareness campaign about heart disease for women. The campaign is sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a part of the National Institutes of Health. Through the campaign, NHLBI is leading the nation in a landmark heart-health awareness movement that is being embraced by millions who share the common goal of better heart health for all women.

The Heart Truth campaign warns women about heart disease and provides tools to help them take action against its risk factors. It is primarily targeted to women 40 to 60 years of age, the time when a woman's risk of heart disease begins to increase. However, it's never too early—or too late—to take action to prevent and control risk factors. Heart disease develops over time and can start at a young age, even in the teen years.

The Heart Truth campaign began in response to recommendations of more than 70 experts in women's health who met in March 2001 to develop a national



FOR YOUR HEALTH

National Wear Red Day

Feb. 2 is National Wear Red Day. National Wear Red Day is a day when Americans nationwide can wear red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness.

The Heart Truth—a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease—created and introduced the Red Dress as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in 2002 to deliver an urgent wake-up call to American women and remind them to protect their heart health.

National Wear Red Day promotes the symbol and provides an opportunity for people to unite in this life-saving awareness movement by showing off a favorite red dress, shirt, tie or Red Dress pin.

action plan to reduce the toll of heart disease on American women.

The campaign was developed with input from partner organizations and focus groups with women conducted across the country. This research revealed that most women underestimate their personal risk and do not fully understand the devastating impact that heart disease has on one's life and family. The research strongly supported the urgent need to tell women about their risk of heart disease and how to lower it.

What's a red dress got to do with it? The Red Dress campaign was designed to build awareness that women are at risk for heart disease, and motivate them to take action to reduce their risk. The creative concept of

a Red Dress tested well with women who cited its ability to get attention, convey the seriousness of heart disease, and change the perception that it is only a man's issue. The symbol links a woman's focus on her outer self to the need to also focus on her inner self, especially her heart. The Red Dress serves as a red alert to convey the message, "Heart Disease Doesn't Care What You Wear—It's the #1 Killer of Women." Red dresses will be worn on Feb. 2 to promote women's heart health.

Getting to the heart of women's health: Five easy steps

The good news is that Americans can lower their risk of heart disease by as much as

82 percent by simply leading a healthy lifestyle. The Heart Truth and the NIH Office on Women's Health offer the following steps to better heart health:

1. **Don't smoke.** If you do, quit. Women who smoke are two to six times more likely to suffer a heart attack than non-smoking women. Smoking also boosts the risk of stroke and cancer.

2. **Aim for a healthy weight.** Maintaining a normal weight is important for a long, vigorous life. Many women, who are overweight or obese, according to the Body Mass Index guidelines, suffer from health conditions that ultimately lead to death.

3. **Get moving.** Make a commitment to be more physically active. Aim for 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activity on most, preferably all, days of the week.

4. **Eat for heart health.** Choose a diet low in saturated fat and trans fats, low in cholesterol and moderate in other forms of "good" fats and oil.

5. **Know your numbers.** Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure, cholesterol (the total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides) and blood sugar (glucose). Work with your doctor to improve any numbers that are not normal.

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To learn more about women and heart disease and to order a Red Dress pin, visit <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth/> or call the NHLBI Health Information Center at 301-592-8573.

Letter to the editor

IACH provides exceptional care for Fort Riley Soldier

I would like to inform any and all interested parties that the Mental Health Department of Irwin Army Community Hospital is second to none. The care I received from Dr. James Stockard was the best I can imagine that I could have received. It is an understatement to say his expertise is without equal.

I sought help from the Mental Health Clinic earlier this year, when I knew I could do no more to help myself with problems I'd been trying to handle on my own. I was going through a divorce, there was a death in my family and I was under a lot of other stress. Lack of sleep, depression and anxiety were getting to be too much to handle on my own.

I started going to see the battalion chaplains with the brigade's. I tried family consulting to help me possibly save my marriage and individual counseling. But, it was no help to me.

That's when I went to the Mental Health Department and met Dr. Stockard. He pursued getting to the root of the problem. I will never forget he made me realize it was not my fault nor my wife's.

Fort Riley is lucky to have such a trained and tireless individual to provide services to our Soldiers. Such services have now become a major issue because of the Global War on Terror, and the mental and physical scars it leaves on Soldiers and their families.

I have come a long way in progress since May. I know that others will need assistance in their times of need, and as long as doctors like Dr. Stockard are around, there will be very little they will have on their shoulders to bear.

Spc. Daniel E. Weiche
HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

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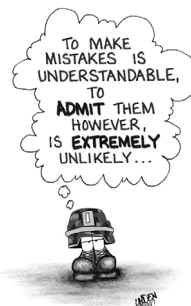
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Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Soldiers get crash course in city management

By Ryan D. Wilson
The Daily Union

Fort Riley Soldiers hope to use what they learned at the Junction City Commission meeting Jan. 16 in helping Iraq communities establish self-government.

Junction City is apparently a model city, at least in the eyes of 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, which is planning to deploy to Iraq in a few weeks.

Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. observed the meeting to learn how a functioning government works, because they'll likely have to help establish such a government in Iraq, said Lt. Col. Ralph Kauzlarich, battalion commander.

The Soldiers had considered observing the Manhattan City Council, but decided Junction City would be better because it is smaller, has a lot of potential and could be easily observed, Kauzlarich said.

"If you don't know anything (and) don't know what you don't

know, what you got to do is start somewhere," Kauzlarich said. "You got to go to Iraq with some semblance of how to do (it) and say, 'yes, this is the way to do it.'" The Soldiers were interested in seeing how the city conducted business, particularly in how it handles sewer, water, electricity and trash removal.

"This is what guides the city," Kauzlarich said. "We wanted to focus on the overall infrastructure and the services within the city." Kauzlarich asked City Manager Rod Barnes to conduct professional development classes with his soldiers so they would be better prepared to help and advise communities they will serve in Iraq.

While not all of the soldiers believed Junction City's model of government could be applied to Iraq communities, Kauzlarich said there was something to be learned from Junction City in how a city is managed.

Editor's note: This article first appeared in The Daily Union, Junction City, Kan. on Jan. 17.



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Junction City Manager Rod Barnes (right) and Mayor Terry Heldstab (second from right) listen as 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Soldiers talk about what they hope to learn from observing the city commission in action.

Post, Army news briefly

ASAP offers training

The Fort Riley Army Substance Abuse Program conducts monthly classes for Soldiers in the rank of sergeant and above who have been selected by unit commanders to assist them as an ASAP subject matter expert.

During the certification process, Soldiers learn how to administer the Unit Biochemical Testing program, assist commanders in briefing new unit personnel regarding ASAP policies, procedures and services, and how to develop, manage and facilitate the ASAP prevention education program to their Soldiers.

Classes are scheduled Feb. 21-22, March 21-22, April 25-26, May 23-24 and June 13-14.

The Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course has a rigor-

ous two-day curriculum with a required final test to achieve UPL certification. The course will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each scheduled day at the Digital Training Facility in Building 7285.

For information on the Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course or how to enroll Soldiers for the class, call Clyde Saltee, Fort Riley UPL training coordinator, at 239-1928 or 239-4151.

Special Forces seeks volunteers

U.S. Army Special Forces is seeking male officer volunteers from Year Group '04. Officer packets will be accepted until Feb. 15, but early submission is strongly recommended.

For more information, go to <http://www.bragg.army.mil/specialforces/>.

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Operational security important on, off post

By Mike Heronemus
Fort Riley Post

Return of the "Big Red One" and the new transition team training mission puts Fort Riley under more scrutiny from outsiders, some not friendly to the United States, believes Pete Paras in the post's security office.

Paras bases his belief on the increase in the number of suspicious activity incidents reported to his office in the past few months.

Such reports describe drivers' attempts to reverse their direction when they notice gate security stopping and searching vehicles or even just the presence of guards at the gates.

Increased reports of unsolicited phone calls seeking information about troop deployments and spouses being asked where their Soldiers are serving in Iraq add to Paras' belief that everyone at Fort Riley or anyone connected with

the post must be more careful about talking to strangers and to report any unusual activity they witness.

Too much information is getting into the public's hands, Paras said. "We've had reports of clerks at Wal-Mart talking about unit rotations," he said. "We know of Soldiers who walk out of classified briefings about deployments and immediately call their wives to let them know, even though the information is not to be released," he added.

General local conversation could give away sensitive information to a few people wanting to use it against the United States, Paras said, but an even bigger threat is the amount of information available to just about anybody who surfs the Internet.

Unit and Family Readiness Group Web pages and personal blog sites have proven to be valuable sources of information for enemy factions, Paras explained.

What to do:

If an unusual of questionable activity is witnessed, the person should watch closely and get as much information as possible about the activity and the people involved.

Do not try to intervene, just get as much information as possible to pass on to authorities who can handle it.
To report an incident, call the security office at 239-8580 or 239-3607, the 902nd Military Intelligence Office at 239-6580 or post military police at 239-MPMP.

The writers or Web masters may not be intentionally offering sensitive or classified information, but it happens, he said.

In some instances, e-mailed accounts telling how improvised explosive devices were successful in damaging or destroying military equipment could be a valuable after-action report for enemy forces, Paras explained.

Providing U.S. military tactics via documents or publications available online does more than

make it easy for U.S. forces to obtain them. It allows enemy forces the opportunity to acquire and implement those same tactics against the United States or to at least decide how to counter them, he continued.

Electronic eavesdropping is reality today, Paras said. Anyone who wants to can gather information from faxes, cell phone calls, military radio transmissions and even "walkie-talkies," he pointed out.

One part of the cure for this growing operations security problem is a personal commitment by Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and post leaders to keep sensitive and classified information out of the hands of those not authorized to have it, including family members, Paras insisted.

The other part is to report any and all incidents that appear unusual or in violation of security measures, he added.

"We want people to report those incidents," Paras emphasized, "not try to intervene. Intervention is the responsibility of people trained to do that, such as military police officers or intelligence and security staff."

To report incidents, a person should watch what is happening and get a good description of the person or people involved, Paras said. That includes information about the size of the party, what took place, the location of the

activity, a description of clothing worn by those involved, the time of the incident and the type of event that occurred, such as unauthorized entrance to the post or photographing equipment in a motor pool.

Paras and a co-worker, Jerry Donker, will help train people to be aware of operational security practices and what to do if something unusual is witnessed.

"We do information security training, staff assistance visits, check compliance with security regulations, check safes and check handling of classified documents," Donker said.

Classes teaching post personnel about Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army are offered at 1 p.m. usually every Thursday at Patton Hall on Main Post. "But, we will go to units for groups of 10 to 15 people, if they want us to," he added.

Sailors tackle Army TT training at Funston

By Master Sgt. Jack Lee
1st Bde.

A transition team of U.S. Navy personnel are applying their naval war-fighting skills at Fort Riley as they learn the Army way of surviving in a hostile environment.

Like many teams, active and reserve personnel join forces.

Transition Team Leader Capt. Andrew Kilgore, a Naval reservist from Tallahassee, Fla., is a deputy U.S. marshal with the Department of Justice. At his home unit, he is a surface warfare officer.

Kilgore, who is on his second deployment, knows that being mobilized is the nature of the beast. "Reservists are subject to call up. As a reservist, our job is to serve and support, and protect and defend our Constitution. It is an honor and privilege to do that," he said recently at a weapon firing range.

As the sailors learn TT skills during the 60-day training cycle at Camp Funston, they are also adapting to the Army way of life.

"The Navy team started out not knowing much about the Army," said Lt. Col. David Seigel, commander, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor. "I found them to be very capable, though, with great attitudes, and a willingness to learn."

"In some respects, the Navy personnel have done better," Seigel said. "They don't have bad habits that need to be undone."

Echo Company Commander Capt. Phil LaCasse echoed Seigel's sentiment. "They are very motivated," he said. The teams are eager to learn and always seem to be looking for what more they need to learn to be successful, he added.

Fort Riley is the consolidated training ground for Army, Air Force and Navy transition teams. No matter the branch of service, everyone seems to know that once trained and deployed, they will need the skills they are learning here to work themselves out of a job.

"The mission of all these teams is to work themselves out of a mission by making the Iraqi or Afghan units they are advising capable of operating independently," Seigel said.

Another member of Kilgore's team seemed to understand this from the beginning.

Active duty team member



Navy Lt. J.g. Alan Tweedy, transition team class 14, sites down a M-240 squad weapon during a recent day at the range.

1st Bde./Lee

Senior Chief Petty Officer Mario Ahmed volunteered for TT duty. "It took me three years, but here I am," he beamed.

Ahmed, who came from Norfolk Naval Base, Va., is learning skills he knows he will need once deployed. "I'm anxious to get over there and start training," Ahmed said.

The "Dreadnaughts" of 2nd Bn., 34th Armor know the skills necessary to survive in combat. The battalion returned from a

year-long Iraq rotation in January, 2006.

One such soldier is Staff Sgt. Matthew McHenry, a 17-year veteran who is sharing the skills he learned and honed on deployment with the TT students.

"This is my first time working with the Navy and I'm impressed with the professionalism and discipline they have," McHenry said. "We're teaching Soldier skills to the Navy that are being imple-

mented in Iraq right now."

Kilgore and Ahmed are assigned to Transition Team Class 14, which is a smaller class than the Dreadnaughts have worked with in the past.

"The smaller class gives us a chance to give the Navy personnel all the attention they need," said LaCasse, adding, "They are very highly motivated and willing learners."

Retirees to be honored

The following Soldiers and Fort Riley civilians will be honored at a retirement ceremony on 9 a.m. Jan. 31 at Long Gym Fitness Center:

Maj. Darrell C. Dodge, MEDDAC
Capt. Douglas W. Avilla, Co. C, 101st FSB

Chief Warrant Officer Saysana Daranouvong, Detachment D, 15th FSB

Master Sgt. Michael E. Lentz, 4th Bn., 1st FA
Sgt. 1st Class Scott E. Pellick, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn.
Sgt. 1st Class Carlton K. Howard, DISCOM

Sgt. 1st Class Mark A. Lassien, 1st Bn., 5th FA
Sgt. 1st Class Dean T. Rose, 1st Bn., 5th FA

Sgt. 1st Class Terry L. Looney, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.

Staff Sgt. Jon W. Emery, 266th Trans. Co.
Staff Sgt. Garry Ross, 4th IBCT

Staff Sgt. Christian M. Priem, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor
Staff Sgt. Malcolm F. Ross, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA

Staff Sgt. Vincent H. Vanleave, HHC, 1st Bde.
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Army FY 2006 safety report shows accident reduction

U.S. Army News Release

With the emphasis on safety by Army senior leaders, and the implementation of safety program improvements and initiatives targeted at leading accident factors, the Army achieved significant accident reductions in fiscal year 2006.

Over the last year, the Army safety approach resulted in a 20-percent reduction of accidental fatalities compared to the previous year, the first overall reduction in the past six years. Army officials say this approach is at the

heart of safety transformation, applies knowledge and data from losses with the analysis of emerging or existing trends, and allows leadership and Army members the ability to reduce losses.

Senior leaders' engagement, combined loss awareness, and innovative programs and initiatives are the major contributors to loss reduction, according to the annual Army safety performance report released in January.

"Today's all-volunteer Army is operating at a pace and level of excellence that far exceeds anything we've ever done before,"

More info:

A copy of the Army's Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Safety Report is located online at <https://crc.army.mil/Report/Fy06yearend.doc>.

said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, chief of staff of the Army. "Maintaining this high level of performance requires dedicated leaders at all levels taking the necessary actions to take care of Soldiers, civilians and their families. One of my top priorities is to ensure that safety measures are enforced and integrated into all operations. "Furthermore, the American people have made a tremendous investment in their Army and we owe it to them to eliminate unnecessary losses due to accident or neglect. I strongly recommend

that leaders use the year-end safety review as a guide in setting and meeting future safety objectives," Schoomaker said.

"The Army achieved significant accident reductions in fiscal year 2006," said Addison D. Davis, IV, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment). "Our leaders, Soldiers and civilians at every level are to be congratulated for these accomplishments. But it is clear that much work remains if we are

to sustain this level of success."

Fiscal year 2006's reduction in loss, while seen as an improvement and success in the Army's transformation and safety culture change, is not the safety goal that the Army will focus on during fiscal 2007, Army officials said.

According to the Army Safety and Occupational Health Strategic Plan, the Army goal is to reduce accident rates by 75 percent by fiscal year 2008, using fiscal year 2002 as the baseline. Guaranteeing safety will continue to be emphasized in upcoming years as well.

CRC expands safety 'Knowledge'

Combat Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. - The knowledge center for all accidental loss is expanding its reach with the production of the U.S. Army's official safety magazine, Knowledge.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center developed the new magazine in response to the continuing safety cultural transformation occurring Army-wide, enabling units to become more predictive and proactive through a growing understanding and identification of accident trends.

"The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is committed to supporting this cultural transformation by ensuring our leaders, Soldiers and Army members are current on safety issues, trends, loss data, leadership tools and lessons learned so that each can engage in saving lives," said Brig. Gen. Bill Forrester, director of Army Safety and commanding officer of the USACRC.

Previously, USACRC published three separate publications, specifically highlighting safety in one of three areas: aviation, ground or off-duty. Knowledge merges the three publications into one.

"The three magazines that were

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previously developed (Impax, Flightfax, and Countermeasure) will now be merged into one magazine that will provide valuable information and lessons learned to every member of our Army team," Forrester said.

Beginning in January, Knowledge will be published monthly and distributed online at the USACRC's homepage at <https://crc.army.mil>, or through postal mail by request.

"Our goal is for our Army's forces to become more predictive," Forrester said. "We have seen in this past fiscal year that Soldiers' and leaders' engagement, combined with loss-awareness and innovative programs, directly contributes to saving lives. With that in mind, the USACRC remains committed to providing the most current, up-to-date Knowledge to continue making a difference."



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Soldiers recycle for cash

Staff report

Each quarter, Fort Riley units are recognized by the Fort Riley Recycle Program. Through the troop incentive program, units earn monetary awards for their Morale, Welfare and Recreation accounts by recycling.

Awards are based on the most pounds recycled per Soldier, every quarter, based on the assigned strength of the unit.

The following units were Recycle Troop Incentive Program winners for the first quarter of fiscal year 2007:

Small units

\$500 - 15th Fin.
\$400 - 1001st MPs
\$300 - USAG
\$200 - 2nd Bn., 34th Armor
\$100 - HHC, CAB

Medium units

\$100 - DENTAC
\$600 - MEDDAC
\$500 - HHC, 1st Bde.
\$400 - 4th Bn, 1st FA
\$300 - HHC, 1st Inf. Div.
\$200 - 1st Bn., 41st Inf.
\$100 - HHC, 3rd Bde.
\$100 - 1st Bn., 1st Avn.
\$100 - 101st MI

Large Units

\$800 - 1st Bn., 5th FA
\$700 - 1st Bn., 16th Inf.
\$600 - 1st Bn., 34th Armor
\$500 - 601st ASB
\$400 - 2nd Bn., 1st Avn.
\$300 - 1st Bn. 4th Cav.

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\$200 - Riley Mob./Dep. Bde.
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Community news briefly

Spouse club sets game day

The Enlisted Spouses Club will hold its monthly Bunco at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 in Building 259. The activity is open to all ESC members. Please bring \$5 for prizes and a snack to share with everyone. If you don't know how to play Bunco, come out and learn. For more information, contact Amy Scarpulla at (785) 717-2753 or ascarpulla@gmail.com.

Valentine dinner for two offered

Give your sweetheart a Valentine gift to remember at Riley's Conference Center Sweetheart Dinner and Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 17. The \$50 fee includes dinner for two, champagne and dancing. A DJ will provide romantic music throughout the evening. A cash bar will also be available.

Dinner for Two gift certificates go on sale Jan. 23. For tickets, contact Riley's Conference Center at 784-1000 or Information, Ticketing and Registration at 239-5614. The last day to purchase certificates is Feb. 9.

Chaplains offer Bible retreat

Walk through the Old Testament from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 3 at Fort Riley's Main Post Chapel. Presenter Chap. Terry Hayes will provide insight and understanding of the Bible in a fun and creative way. Free childcare and is available for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. To sign up for the retreat contact Don Ericson at 239-0979 or e-mail don.ericson@riley.army.mil. Participants needing childcare must sign up by Jan. 29.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Troops camp out, 'Scout Riley' despite snow

By Alison Kohler

Asst. Comm. Relations Officer

Cold temperatures and a blanket of snow didn't deter approximately 160 Boy and Cub Scouts from attending the first-ever Scout Riley Day Jan. 20 at Fort Riley. Throughout the day, troops participated in various activities around post and some even braved the cold and snow to camp at Moon Lake.

Senior Patrol Leader and Boy Scout Adam Geiger of Troop 41 said they stayed warm while camping with layers of clothes and good sleeping bags. Camping is his favorite activity, "because we actually get to get away from our families," he said.

Three troops camped at Moon Lake Jan. 19 and several more planned to stay the next night even though 3 to 5 inches of snow was forecast.

"(Camping) was a lot of fun. None of them got real cold. We're camping out one more night," said Darrel Sprau, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 460 out of Milford.

Pack 41 out of Junction City brought six Tigercubs (first-graders) and three Bearcubs (second- and third-graders) to Scout Riley. One of the activities the fledgling Scouts participated in was a tour of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard stables.

"The stables were interesting. We didn't know they were there," said Amy Woodbury, a Pack 41 parent.

At the stables, the Scouts met Victory, a 10-year-old Paint horse that retired last summer, and learned about what the CGMCG troopers do each day.

During one demonstration, Sgt. Shannon Robinette of the CGMCG put 15-20 Scouts on the scale and said all of them combined weighed as much as one of the Percheron-cross Molly mules



that pull the CGMCG wagon.

Other popular stops for the Scouts were the engagement skills trainer, where the troops engaged in simulated marksmanship training, and the UH-60 Black Hawk flight simulator.

"(I liked) shooting the guns and stuff," said Justin Baublitz, assistant senior patrol leader in Troop 41, of the EST.

The Scoutmasters and adult chaperones participated in some of the activities along with the Scouts.

Troop 460's favorite activity was the flight simulator, but the EST might top that, Sprau said after scoring 15 hits at the EST, which he called "pretty awesome."

"It's probably going to be better here," Sprau said of the EST. "It's more hands on for them."

At the flight simulator, Flight Instructor Greg Monty explained that the UH-60 Black Hawks have three hydraulic systems, three pneumatic systems, and four elec-

trical systems. "Why do we have so many systems?" he asked the scouts. "Because had, guys are shooting at us, so if they shoot out one engine, I've got another one," he said.

Fort Riley firefighters delivered tours of the fire station and trucks. Since there was the possibility of a real fire alarm during the tour, the troops practiced what they would need to do when they heard the siren. When the test tone sounded, the troops had one mission — to get back against the wall and out of the way of the trucks.

Scout Riley Days will be offered on a quarterly basis, and are open to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The next Scout Riley Day is scheduled for March 31. Planned activities include a demonstration from the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and K-9 working dog section.



Left: A troop chaperone meets Victory at the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard stables Jan. 20 during Scout Riley Day on post. A stable tour was just one activity the troops participated in throughout the day.

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Below: Scouts from Troop 460 participate in the engagement skills trainer as part of the activities for the first-ever Scout Riley Day Jan. 20. Troop 460 traveled from Milford and camped at Moon Lake Jan. 19 and 20.

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For more information on Scout Riley contact Alison Kohler in the Community Relations Office at alison.kohler1@riley.army.mil or (785) 239-3358. Scout groups that have visited Fort Riley in the past will receive invitations for upcoming events.

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Middle school announces 3rd 6-week honor roll

Fort Riley Middle School

Fort Riley Middle School has announced students making the Principal's and Trooper Honor Rolls for the third six weeks of the school year.

Those making the Principal's Honor Roll earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher with no C's in any subject.

Those making the Trooper Honor Roll earned a 3.0 to 3.49 grade point average with no more than one C in any subject.

Principal's Honor Roll

Sixth Grade

Ashley Bales
Scott Beadles
Emma Beckert
Tiffany Carroll
Andrew Coelho
Patricia Counts
Jalynn Deane
Taylor Druse
Emily Ebersole
Xstazjah Evans
Jeremy Fiedler
Michael Forshey
Ryan Fuller
Victoria Gocheonouer
Pedro Gonzalez
Phylicia Graves
Davida Hannum

Andrew Henderickson
Darroques Hernandez
Grayson Hertel

Ronald Jackson
Joi Johnson
Caitlyn Kelly
Caleb Krueger
Ashley Leturgez
Samantha Lewis
David Longino
Kayla Mendoza
Alexandra Moore
Whitney Moore
Christopher Nelson
Fiapopo Niumalelega

Tandeka Nunn
Kimberly O'Connor
Sara Pool
Kristi Raappery
Caylee Reeves
Trista Rich
Joseph Righter
Samuel Righter
Christin Scott
Justin Smith
Sean Smith
Traci Spears
Bryant Stebbins
Benton Steward
Morgan Towery
Jasmine Truitt
Cherokee Van Ness
Rachelle Vandermark
Erika Veasy
Alexis Williams
Leshandria Willis
Aaron Wiseman

Seventh Grade

Jocelyn Aguilar
Victoria Alvarado
Jasmine Bachman
Shamiece Banks
Kendra Baskin
Dallas Behrens
Amy Belcher
Clarissa Boberg
Jonathon Boyd
Brandika Cadenhead
Courtney Clyde

Eric Dixon
Kyle Dyson
Jacob Elliott
Nicole Farver
Michelle Freeman
Jaelen Gadoon
Zachary Grindstaff
Kayla Haack
Aika Habersham
Wesley Hatfield
Gregory Haug Jr.
Jonathan Hendon
Adonis Herron
Samantha Krantz
Perious Laupati
Joshua Mairo
Kretchen Olmeda
Evergreen Osa
Michael Pappal
Blake Parker
Ashley Peebles
Taylor Pittz
Taylor Popple
Hunter Postier
Dylen Raastad

Tevin Raines
Courtney Robinson
Vitoria Rose
Nathaniel Sankey
Katherine Seigel
Matthew Solis
Collyn Vazquez
Clayton Vermeech
Vinnalyn Vioria
Alexander Weaver
Michelle Westernman
Elizabeth Yoast

Eighth Grade

Anneliese Apodaca
Erik Baker
Katelyn Callahan
Alyssa Crowell
Rebecca Dirks
Mitchell Emerson
Candace Emery
Elizabeth Grammel
McKenzie Hardy
Brendan Higginbottom
Connor Howard
Zachary Jones
Lillian Irwin
McKenna Kelly
Natalie Kundel
Joseph Lannon
Melissa Leturgez
Nathaniel Lewis
Kaitlin Mahoney
Luis Marengo
Nathan McFarland
Shaun McNemar
Alexis Miskevish
Kiara Ocasio
Dominka Pullmann

Jade Radford
Kelsey Robinson
Ashley Rogers-Floro
Zachary Sankey
Valerie Serna
Bettina Smith
Teasia Snowden
Hanna Sul
Samantha Veasy
Damian Wilkison
Frankie Zachar VII

Trooper Honor Roll

Sixth Grade

Sage Albright
Alyssa Bachman
Bryana Bayless
Emiliano Beltran
Terri Blakes
Bianca Cadenhead
Kayla Dyson
Mikaela Emery
Cheryenne Gill-Richardson
Marquis Graves
Richard Hall
Heath Hardy
Paul Harris
Tyler Herrington
Ryan Hoyt
Alexis Jones
Marcus Kavetsky
Sierra Kelly
Destinee Lockhart
Madison Lowery
Evan Mahoney
Stephanie Muniz
Elissa Newhart

Yairan Perez-Cuevas
Jordan Pittard
Wilfredo Rodriguez
John Sherfield
Megan Smith
Alexis Stalcup
Stanley Stapleton III
Jalin Tedford
Ashley Weaver
Brandon Wright

Seventh Grade

Winter Bledsoe
Shade Bornemann
Jennifer Chavez
Christian Cole
Darius Dawsey
Johnathan Dirks
Abigail Ebersole
Daniel Genson III
Gabriel Hanson
Adonis Herron
Mason Holbert
William Huff
Nikki Jeter
Damaris Jimenez
Marina Johannik
Emanuel Kuel
Aisha Lockhart
Ashley Looney
Nicole Love
Tyler Manley
Alyssa Moenning
Ebony Monroe
Lauren Moss
Taylor Nagle
Katrina Obrien
Jason Purkapile II
Audriana Rivera

Rafael Rodriguez
Jayna Smith
Brendon Steward
Isaac Taylor
Dawnia Trisman
Joshua Titman
Sara Walantus

Eighth Grade

Megan Black
Tyler Croston
Christopher Fortin
Derrick Francis
Erin Gyuran
Zachary Hopper
Christopher Lutz
Luis Marengo
Kaitlin Mahoney
Keonna Martin
Aaron Mayzel
Troy Miller Jr.
Brittany Moore
Kassandra Niola
Austin Parton
Linda Perkins
Trevor Pond
Samantha Satterlee
Laura Seigel
Kaitlin Smart
Andrew Smith
Dylan Soper
Ashley Thomas
Samantha Van Riper
Michael Vacanti
Justice Van Ness
Jeremiah Williams

Shaq joins effort to thank military kids

By Courtney Reddington
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. – NBA star Shaquille O'Neal will soon play a part in thanking children of deployed servicemembers for their sacrifices.

O'Neal, a military "brat" himself, will represent USA Basketball as he joins Kids Serve Too, a program of Salute Our Services, in sending thank-you letters to military children.

USA Basketball, which includes the NBA, and Salute Our Services are both members of the Defense Department's America Supports You program. The program showcases the ways Americans support the nation's servicemembers.

Kat Lanigan, 16, and her sister, Clare, 14, co-chairs of the Kids Serve Too national kids' advisory board, announced last week that O'Neal will join them in their program's "A Thousand Thanks to Military Children" project.

The Lanigan girls are the daughters of Army Reserve Maj. Kevin Lanigan, who has served in Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq, so they know the stress children go through during deployments.

"Our goal is to help make sure that kids who have a parent or loved one deployed know that they are appreciated and to say thank you to them for their sacrifices," said Clare, a ninth-grader at Westfield High School in Herndon, Va. "We are so excited to have Shaq's help."

"My dad has missed my last three birthdays because of deployments," Kat, a 10th-grader, added.

"To know that Shaq and the NBA cares about kids like us is amazing."

O'Neal knows from first-hand experience what it's like to be the child of someone serving in the military. Kids Serve Too will send a thank-you letter with Shaq's photo and signature to military children at the request of a deployed servicemember or a loved one on the home front.

Other sports figures, including drag racer Tony Schumacher, driver of the U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster, also are participating in the program.

As co-chairs of the national kid's advisory board for Kids Serve Too, a nonprofit group created by military families for military families, the Lanigan girls help increase awareness about deployment issues.

Kids Serve Too has awarded financial grants to children of deployed servicemembers across the nation so they can continue their extracurricular activities during the deployment. It also hosts free events for military children and provides educational materials to non-military schools about the stresses of deployments on children.

"I know what my dad does is important, but what we do is important, too," Clare said. "My dad needs to know that I am safe and sound when he is away so he can concentrate on doing his job."

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To adopt Callie, visit the Fort Riley Stray Facility.

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Community news briefly

Prayer luncheon scheduled

The National Prayer Luncheon will be held at 11:15 a.m. Feb. 21 at Riley's Conference Center. The guest speaker for the event is Chap. (Maj. Gen.) David H. Hicks, chief of chaplains. Entertainment will be provided by the Phil and Pam Morgan Gospel Music Ministry.

ESC seeks volunteers

The Enlisted Spouses Club has recently started to hold bingo at the Good Samaritan Home in Junction City every second Friday of the month as a way to give back to the community. Club members help many residents with their bingo cards and serve lunch afterwards. Volunteers and food donations are always needed. To volunteer or learn more about bingo at the Good Samaritan Home, contact Amy Scarpulla at (785) 717-2753 or ascarpulla@gmail.com; or Tricia Winchester at (804) 601-2853 or trish_winchester@yahoo.com.

'Right arm' night set at Rally Point

Give your "Right Arm" a night of pampering with wings and beverages at Fort Riley's Right Arm Night, Feb. 8 at Rally Point. The fun will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Contact Rally Point at 239-8161 for additional information.

Scholarships offered by FRCSC

2007 Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Campaign, Fort Riley College/Vocational Scholarship applications are now

available.

The Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Committee (FRCSC) offers undergraduate college and vocational school scholarships to Fort Riley affiliated high school seniors, current college/vocational students, and spouses of active, retired, or deceased military members.

Applications are now available through local high schools, online at www.riley.army.mil or can be requested by e-mailing fortrileyscholarship@hotmail.com.

The deadline for applications is March 10.

For more information, contact Juliet Follansbee, FRCSC chairperson, at (785) 784-9927 or fortrileyscholarship@hotmail.com.

ESC to meet

The Enlisted Spouses Club will have their general membership meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at Custer Hill Lanes on Fort Riley. Members will have a short meeting; then do some bowling. Childcare is available. Please RSVP to Amy Scarpulla at 717-2753 or ascarpulla@gmail.com by Jan. 29.

BOSS sets talent show tryouts

Have you got what it takes to be the next BOSS talent show winner? Come show off what you've got at the BOSS talent show tryouts beginning Feb. 6. Tryouts will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Building 8067 until Feb. 21.

Tryouts are open to all talents but performances must be family friendly. Civilians and Soldiers are welcome to participate.

For more information, call 239-8147.

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Home of the Big Red One

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Sports news in brief

Dodgeball tournament set

Come knock yourself out at the Fort Riley Dodgeball Extravaganza.

The fun will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 10 at King Field House.

The tournament is open to all active duty and local civilian teams. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Sign-up begins Jan. 22 at the Sports Office located in King Field House, Building 202. The registration fee per team is \$60. Dodgeballs are available at King Field House for those wishing to improve their skills before the big day.

JC baseball teams forming

An information and interest meeting will be held for the Junction City Junior Baseball Association at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Junction City High School cafeteria.

Teams will be forming for kids 9 through 14 years of age. Tryout dates will be announced at the meeting Feb. 11. If selected, there will be a \$100 fee per player and out of town travel is involved.

For more information contact Jim Poole at 238-6332, Larry Morgan at 761-9470 or James LeClear at 209-1991.

New Army drivers enjoy successful 1st day at track

Army News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ginn Racing's Mark Martin and Regan Smith kicked off the first day of the Preseason Thunder test session Jan. 15 at Daytona International Speedway, with Smith posting the fourth fastest time in the No. 39 Ginn Racing Chevrolet and Martin posting the 15th fastest time in the U.S. Army Chevrolet.

"It was a good first day," said Martin, who took his first laps in the Army Chevy. "It's always good to get that first day out of the way with a new team and new surroundings. I'm not really used to a lot of change, so I think it was a good day to get acclimated to what we are doing."

"Ryan Pemberton (crew chief) and the guys are an excellent team. To work with," Martin said. "We were able to pick up speed as the day went on and we got better from where we started. We're still not where we want to be, but we'll come back tomorrow and work harder."

Smith's speed on

the famed 2.5-mile tri-oval was 184.581 miles per hour while Martin's top speed was 183.981. The fastest speed of the day - 185.090 - was posted by David Gilliland.

"I'm still as excited as ever with what we have going on this year," Martin added. "The opportunity that the Army and Ginn Racing have put together for me is just awesome and we are going to continue to work to get the most out of the cars."

Smith, who spent the majority of the day near the top of the speed charts, was also happy with his team's progress.

"We were able to find some things that worked really well for us today," said

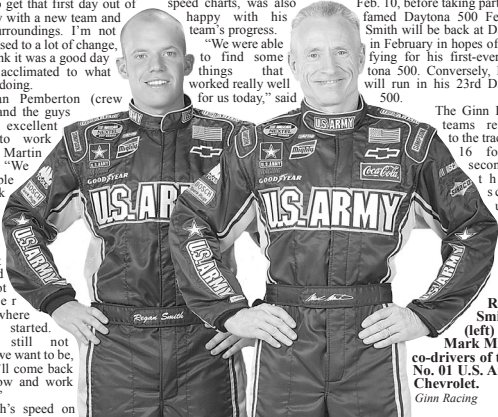
Smith, who in addition to attempting to qualify for the Daytona 500 in the No. 39 car, will split duty with Martin during the 2007 season in the Army Chevrolet.

"The guys did a great job with the cars today and we were able to find a good amount of speed on the track," Smith continued. "Hopefully we'll be able to expand on that as the week goes on and find what we need to make sure we qualify for the Daytona 500 in a few weeks."

Martin will take to the Daytona track for the Budweiser Shootout Feb. 10, before taking part in the famed Daytona 500 Feb. 18. Smith will be back at Daytona in February in hopes of qualifying for his first-ever Daytona 500. Conversely, Martin will run in his 23rd Daytona 500.

The Ginn Racing teams returned to the track Jan. 16 for the second of three scheduled test days.

Regan Smith (left) and Mark Martin, co-drivers of the No. 01 U.S. Army Chevrolet.
Ginn Racing



On the Wildside: News About Nature

State to celebrate 146th birthday

By Gibran Suleiman

Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Like all other states, Kansas has official plants and animals as state symbols. When our state celebrates its 146th birthday on Jan. 29, many school chil-



Gibran Suleiman

dren across the state will learn about Kansas history, including state symbols and why they were named. Although some of our state's symbols may be fairly well known, others may not be quite as visible.

The state mammal of Kansas is the bison. While the bison is typically called a buffalo, that is a misnomer since true buffalo are from Asia and Africa.

The bison was very common in Kansas at one time and was extremely important to the Native Americans who lived on the plains. As settlers moved west, a huge market developed for bison skins and tongues, which were considered a delicacy. A single bison skin would sell for \$1 to \$3.

Settlers reported herds so large that it would take several days to circumnavigate around them on horseback. Herds of bison drinking from a river would literally drink the river dry, other settlers reported. Settlers slaughtered bison en masse not only for money, but also to remove a critical resource of the Native Americans.

By 1880, spotting a bison in Kansas was a rare occurrence.

The state bird of Kansas is the western meadowlark. Western meadowlarks are found on Fort Riley, but are not as common as the eastern species, which also inhabits post. Meadowlarks are easily recognized by their bright yellow breast and black "V" down their neck.

The birds dine on insects and seeds and can be seen on Fort Riley year round.

The state reptile of Kansas is the ornate box turtle. Box turtles are fairly common on Fort Riley. Their diet is mainly carnivorous, but they also eat vegetable material. Although they are extremely attractive animals, they do not make good pets and are best left in the wild. In captivity, box turtles are extremely sensitive to

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Sports news in brief

Plant, animal classes offered

A **Kansas mammals class** will be offered from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Outdoor Recreation Center. The class will be presented by staff from the Milford Nature Center. Animal ambassadors will be on hand for the class, as well as some beautiful animal skins.

Hazardous animals and plants on Fort Riley will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Conservation Office classroom, Bldg. 1020 Huebner Road. Participants will learn about some of the hazardous plants and animals found on Fort Riley. The class will feature the instructor feeding live snakes during class time. The class is limited to 20 participants.

For more information contact the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 9011, at 239-2363 or 239-6368.

New fitness center hours set

Beginning Feb. 1 the King Field House and Robinson Fitness Center will have the following hours:

Mon.-Fri. - 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Also beginning Feb. 1, Long Fitness Center and Craig Fitness Center will close for use.

Trek Kan. at gym

Exercise from one side of Kansas to the other during the Walk/Run/Bike Across Kansas.

The goal is to exercise the 415.18 miles from Ruleton, Kan. to Kansas City, Kan. by March 31 at any post gym.

Exercise activities must be completed indoors with proof of mileage readings. Miles are tracked at the front desk after each workout (notebook provided). A staff member must verify

all distances. PT indoor mileage can be included.

The exercising will begin Jan. 3 and run through March 31. Participants who reach 415.18 miles by March 31 will receive a custom Fort Riley t-shirt.

For more information, contact the Fitness Department at 239-2813 or 239-3146.

Eagle watching scheduled

Eagle watching tours are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 10 and 17. Participants will meet at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 9011 Rifle Range Road. A \$5 fee for transportation will be charged.

The event is outside, so participants should dress according to the weather. Participants should register no later than the day before the tour by calling 239-2363.

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humidity, temperature and diseases. They have been known to live more than 30 years.

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Kansas also has a state amphibian, the barred tiger salamander. The tiger salamander is the world's largest land-dwelling salamander. They are found throughout most of Kansas including Fort Riley.

Adults are rarely seen and spend most of their time underground, only venturing out at night. Like all amphibians they lay their eggs in water. Salamander larvae hatch from the eggs after 3-5 weeks. Most larvae metamorphose into adults, but some larvae never change into the adult form and retain their aquatic features until death.

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The state tree of Kansas is the cottonwood, which is common across the state. Cottonwood trees are hydrophilic, meaning they thrive

More info:

For more information on conservation or natural resources on Fort Riley, contact the Conservation Office at (785) 239-6211

around water.

As settlers came across the plains they soon learned to scan the horizon for cottonwoods to find water and shade.

The cottonwood is the largest native tree in Kansas, often having massive trunks up to eight feet in diameter. Fort Riley is adorned with many huge mature cottonwoods. They are particularly common along the Kansas and Republican rivers.

Cottonwoods get their name from the cotton like material they produce in late summer. The purpose of the cottony fluff is to carry a tiny seed away from the parent tree by utilizing the wind much like a dandelion.

During September, the peak time when cottonwoods release their seeds, it can look like a snowstorm.

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Although Kansas is one of the few states that does not recognize a state fish, it has recognized a state insect, the honeybee.

The honeybee is the only state symbol that is not native to Kansas. Settlers brought the honeybee from Europe.

Honeybees are social insects and each has its own job. The queen bee is essentially an egg factory, laying up to 15,000 eggs in a single day. The majority of bees in a colony are worker bees that maintain the hive and collect pollen to make honey. Some bees are called drones. A drone's single task is to mate with the queen, which can be a fierce competition. Honeybees can be found in the wild and also are used for the commercial production of honey.

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